



### Cruise Weekly today

**CRUISE Weekly** today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news.

### ACA unveils board

**THE** Australian Cruise Association (ACA) has confirmed its board of management for next year, which will see Chair Philip Holliday remain at the helm for 12 more months.

The Port Authority of New South Wales Chief Executive & Director will be supported by an executive committee comprised of Deputy Chair Brendan Connell (Port of Brisbane) and Treasurer James Coughlan (Shorex Australia).

Kirsty Little (Tasports), and Shayne Murray (Cruise Broome) were also re-elected unopposed, and will join Karlie Cavanagh (Inchape) and Andrew McKinnon (SATC).

## Opportunity for fly-cruise



**NORWEGIAN** Cruise Line (NCL) is answering the demand for the "almost uncapped opportunity" for fly-cruise in the Australian market, NCL Vice President and MD Ben Angell has said.

The local NCL head, speaking at last night's launch of the cruise line's new ship *Norwegian Luna* (**CW** yesterday), insisted the time

is now for the travel industry to back the fly-cruise market.

"Whilst there are undoubtedly challenges in the local cruising sector, there's almost uncapped opportunity for growth in flight cruise," he said.

"Just 200,000 Australians cruised in other parts of the world, versus 10 million outbound Australian travellers.

"There's never been a better time to position the exceptional value, convenience and almost endless variety and international cruise holiday offers flight cruise presents: an unbeatable holiday proposition, but it also provides a pathway for significant and sustainable growth in cruising for this region," Angell added. *MS*

**Pictured** are Director Sales Strategy & Operations Damian Borg, Director Field Sales Angela Middleton, and Angell.

### Flinders powers up

**THE** Australian cruise industry is welcoming funding from the Federal Government's Clean Energy Finance Corporation into developing future electrical energy sources at Flinders Port in Adelaide (**CW** breaking news).

The \$70 million investment from Minister Chris Bowen will see Flinders Port undertake a range of projects aimed at transitioning towards low- and zero-emission services across its shipping operations.

Australian Cruise Association CEO, Jill Abel, told **CW** there is potential for the initiative to benefit cruise shipping as the freight port is adjacent.

"Onshore power remains a top priority for ACA as we work closely with states and port operators to develop the infrastructure required for cruise ships to access sustainable electricity sources while in port," Abel told **CW**.

"With 61% of the global cruise fleet already equipped to utilise onshore power, we are encouraged by the ongoing discussions within Australian ports to advance this energy-efficient solution.

CLIA Australasia Managing Director, Joel Katz, labelled the move "the first critical steps toward providing onshore power capabilities at Australian ports" and a game-changer for reducing emissions.



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## PORThOLE

**AN INFLUENCER** couple has been slammed for leaving their kids in a cruise ship's stateroom while having dinner.

The pair, known as Matt & Abby, told TikTok they left their kids alone in their cabin so they could enjoy a child-free dinner.

The couple monitored their sleeping children through FaceTime, a move that sparked a wave of online outrage.

Baby monitors, as well as relatives in the adjacent room, were apparently also used to watch over the children, however that has failed to abate the criticism - had they not heard of the kids' club?

## Treasure threads the needle



**DISNEY Treasure** has completed its first journey, undertaking the notorious route down the Ems River from the Meyer Werft shipyard into the open ocean for the first time.

The passage from Meyer Werft's inland shipyard in Papenburg into the Netherlands and onward to the open sea is always a marvel of engineering and navigation as enormous cruise ships sail along a river barely wide enough to contain it before reaching the Dollart Bay and Wadden Sea.

Along its journey, spectators lined the river bank to see the

latest Disney Cruise Line vessel on its way to Eemshaven.

The ship will now undergo a series of sea trials with Captain Marco at the helm ahead of its formal handover to Disney Cruise Line and trans-Atlantic crossing to its Port Canaveral home port.

*Disney Treasure* is the sixth ship in the cruise line's fleet, with Meyer Werft engaged to deliver seven more ships over the next seven years including *Global Dream*, which was acquired two years ago (**CW** 17 Nov 2022) and renamed *Disney Adventure*.

## Oceania is cooking

**OCEANIA Cruises** has named the first two members of its Culinary Advisory Board: cookbook author and TV personality Sara Moulton, and Oceania Executive Chef & Director of Culinary Enrichment Kathryn Kelly.

The two will serve alongside the board's co-Chairs, French chef Jacques Pepin, American chef Giada De Laurentiis, and the line's two Executive Culinary Directors Alex Quaretti and Eric Barale.

The board will be inviting other acclaimed chefs from around the world to join the Culinary Advisory Board in the coming months.

## Seabourn eclipse

**TWO** new solar eclipse sailings have been unveiled by Seabourn Cruise Line to offer ideal viewing opportunities in Northern Europe and the Med.

*Seabourn Ovation* will sail a 14-day voyage from Dover to Reykjavik, viewing the eclipse from off the coast of Ireland.

Meanwhile, *Seabourn Sojourn* will be on a 10-day round-trip voyage from Barcelona, positioned in the Balearic Sea for the eclipse.

## Diamond's Japan

**PRINCESS Cruises** has launched its 2026 Japan cruise season, with *Diamond Princess* set to operate more than 50 voyages from Jan-Nov 2026.

Itineraries on the 2,670-guest ship, which offers an onboard Japanese onsen, will range from seven to 28 days and take guests to cities including Tokyo, Osaka, Kyoto and Hiroshima.

Highlights include 10- and 11-day 'Spring Flowers' cruises, which take in cherry blossoms on Japan's four main islands.

## Cruise Calendar

Current ports of call in Australia and New Zealand.

SYDNEY	
<i>Pacific Adventure</i>	20 Sep
<i>Pacific Adventure</i>	23 Sep
<i>Diamond Princess</i>	26 Sep
BRISBANE	
<i>Pacific Encounter</i>	21 Sep
<i>Diamond Princess</i>	24 Sep
DARWIN	
<i>Le Laperouse</i>	21 Sep
<i>Coral Adventurer</i>	22 Sep
AUCKLAND	
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	20 Sep
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	23 Sep

## Ponant golf cruise

**PONANT** has elevated its Jan New Zealand expedition with a new premium golf experience.

The ultimate golf trip, a part of the 'Best of New Zealand' itinerary, will offer the chance to play golf at Summerhill Estate Golf Course, Awapuni Links, and Cape Kidnappers Golf Course.

The experience, part of the 16 Jan itinerary aboard *Le Jacques Cartier*, includes a \$1,500 flight credit per person, and a free solo supplement.

The nine-night cruise visits Waiheke Island, Tauranga, Gisborne, Napier, Wellington, Picton, Akaroa, and Lyttleton.

The package is available from \$1,360 per person, including return transfers, confirmed tee times, green fees, and carts - **CLICK HERE** for more.